

Fortex Pole Beans

Plant: Mar-Apr, Aug-Sept

(Phaseolus vulgaris)

A "must have" for CSA's and farm stands, Fortex's stringless pods are delicious at lengths from 7-11", even after the seeds have enlarged. For gardens short on space, it is a great vertical option. Dark green, early, and very productive with a long growing season. Walnut brown seeds

Plant Cycle: (A) Days to Maturity or Bloom: 60

Planting:

Plant 2" deep on slight hills around poles or teepees spaced at 16" apart. Grow 4-8 seeds on each hill. Space 3" apart if growing on a fence. Sow after all danger of frost is over and the soil is warm, 18°C (65°F).

Growing:

Choose an area with full sun and a rich, deeply worked soil with a pH level of 6.5. Pole Beans are light feeders. The poles, teepees or a trellis should be erected after 2-4 leaves have developed. Hoe to kill weeds. A mulch of compost, or straw is beneficial to control weeds and hold moisture. Keep the plants well watered in dry weather, especially if they are grown on an upright trellis or poles against a shed or house where soil tends to dry out.

Harvest:

Pick young, full size pods when smooth and crisp. Pods are over mature once the beans start to form. Harvest regularly for a constant supply. Scarlet Runner Pole Beans will produce abundant, gorgeous red flowers if the beans are continually picked.

Companions:

Carrot, corn, chard, pea, potato, eggplant. Avoid cabbage & onion family.